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FCC Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporate Media Giants

Dear FCC Commissioner Abernathy:

Edmund Burke said "The only thing necessary for evil to flourish is for good men to do nothing".

CBS's recent airing of "Hitler - The Rise of Evil" refreshes one's memory of Hitler's seizing of the media as he gained power. His move was a blatant and outright affront to democracy and free speech shocking the German people.

I am writing today to express my views regarding Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question.

Today's effort to control the media is wrapped subtlety but has the same effect allowing concentration of the media, and therefore the concentration of power, to the few. The potential of limiting free speech is an affront to our democracy as much today as it was to Hitler's Germany.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

Once again in closing, I strongly believe the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question.

Sincerely,

Michael E. McKenzie

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Kevin Martin Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. S.W. Washington D.C. 20554

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P.S. In your case, perhaps we are preaching to the choir.

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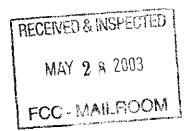
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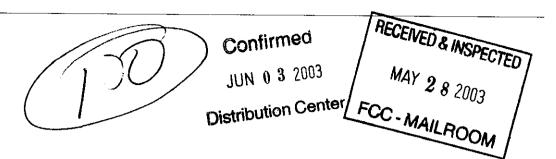
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Commissioner
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### Dear Commissioner Copps:

I am writing you to voice my opposition to relaxing the Broadcast Ownership Rules. If these rules are relaxed, the few companies that will own the media will determine what news and whose viewpoints are allowed to air.

It will be much more difficult than it should be for voters to become informed about both sides of an issue before casting their vote. I witnessed this happen on a smaller scale when Milwaukee went from a two-newspaper town to a one-newspaper town.

It is healthy for our democratic process to have the media compete with itself. I urge you not to weaken the broadcast ownership rules.

Sincerely,

David P. Ohrmundt

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Tioga, Pa. May 9, 2003

The Honorable Kathleen O. Abernathy Commissioner Federal Communication Commission 114 12th Street SW Washington, DC 29557

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

I understand the present ban of cross-ownership of media sources was intended to have information provided by a diversity of owners and to ensure that when Americans turn on the TV, they're exposed to an array of ideas, representing the full spectrum of political thought.

In addition to forbidding a company from owning two major TV stations in the same market, or a major newspaper and a top station, the rules also put a 35 percent cap on how much of the public one network can reach.

I fear that if the present cross-ownership rules are dropped we will have just a few people make the decision about the news and opinions all of us are permitted to hear.

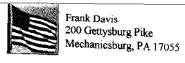
This would be almost as bad as having the government control the information content.

Please keep the media cross-ownership ban in effect.

Thank you,

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James P. Condict



may 9, 2003

Dear Michael J. Copps:

It my understanding is correct, the Federal Communications Commission is planning to vote soon on a proposal that would allow a media owner to control a larger percentage of Television stations, radio stations and newspapers in a community.

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I believe such an action would be terribly wrong, It would strike at the heart of our femocratic process, which depends on citizens having access to a wide variety of opinions before making up their minks and voting on important issues.

Because there has been very little understanding and discussion of this proposal, I would urge that any action on the mitter be postponed, and that public hearings be arranged in every state, so that the principles involved can be aired and debated

Will you urge such a course of action?

Sincerely, Frank O. Darro

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Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am one of the citizen/consumers whom you represent.

I am very concerned about the FCC policies which have allowed large media companies to control so many newspapers, television stations, and radio stations, especially in the same markets.

Already, a handful of huge companies controls most of the broadcast and entertainment outlets in the United States. Local ownership has become a thing of the past.

Here in Los Angeles, one national company owns both of the "all news" radio stations, plus several other stations programming many formats. I don't believe that such concentrated ownership serves the public interest, convenience, and necessity in any way.

I urge you to re-think the policies which have allowed conglomeration and cross-ownership of media outlets.

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Lake Placid, New York 12946-5979

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Dear Commissioner Powell,

I support Commissioner Copps concern about the Jun**Qistribution Center** regarding the easing of media caps, allowing a company (a media company) to own up to three TV stations and one newspaper in major markets (L.A. Times 5/10).

Semator Olympia Snow is concerned about the closed doors meetings taking place regarding this easing of media caps and feels the June 2nd vote should be delayed until there are more public meetings on the matter and the matter is discussed in the Congress. I join Senator Snow in her concerns.

The airwaves belong to the people of our nation, and the easing of media caps will apt to erode what ownership the public has of the airwaves. Critics claim the easing of media caps will result in the erosion of our democracy.

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While I understand you are relying upon current rules and the Republican majority of the FCC in the cowardly exercise of these refusals, these issues impact every United States citizen, and as such, should not be left to three Republican FCC commissioners to decide alone.

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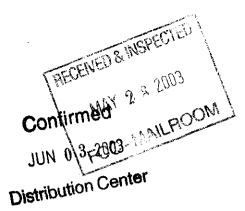
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Dear Chairman Powell,

I am writing your office to express my concern over the consolidation of the Media. I understand that the Commission is considering changes to rules where more consolidation would be permitted. I believe this would be unfortunate. I feel that consolidation of the Media limits choices, even in a "900-cable channel world". Most significantly, independence of thought and expression is threatened by such consolidation. I ask that the Commission work to restrict consolidation and preserve choice, independence and free expression. Thank you for your consideration and service.

Most respectfull

John L. Callas

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May 23, 2003

Dear Chairman Powell,

I write to urge you to maintain the current media ownership rules capping national coverage at 35% and not allow gargantuan media companies to become even larger. This will kill diversity.

I live in the Los Angeles area, and I have seen what happens to diversity when ownership rules are relaxed. Thanks to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the two 24-hour news radio stations, KFWB and KNX, became the property of the same company. Instead of competing, they decided to complement each other. This became disastrous with the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. Buses sported billboards announcing that KNX and KFWB had joined forces to provide the same coverage on the war. If there were other 24-hour news stations to go to, I would not have cared. But these are the only two, and for them to share content is akin to the Voter News Service that screwed up coverage of the exit polls during the 2000 Presidential election and was eventually disbanded. Having only one source (as with Voter News Service) proved to be a huge mistake. The same applies to KNX and KFWB. They were spouting the same stories, and I found myself turning to National Public Radio and Pacifica to get a different, less sanitized perspective.

Please do not allow media companies to get bigger! Viacom is already in violation of the current caps, and the company should not be given the chance to have the rules changed. If they sold whatever needed to be sold so that they complied with current rules, then argued for an increase in national coverage, I would be more willing to listen to their side. But they are just trying to maintain their empire for the sake of blatant greed.

On June 2, please vote to maintain the current levels. If that doesn't happen, I fear I'll see billboards on buses proudly announcing that two television stations and a newspaper are offering the same coverage on the war on terrorism, and all of the reporting will be from reporters in New York, not Los Angeles. Such a future will hinder my efforts to be an informed American citizen.

Sincerely,

Ben De Jean

May 7, 2003

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3325 West C Street Torrington, WY 82240

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